

## **CLAIMS:**

**1.** A forced door entry training apparatus including:

a base plate;

a rigid door frame secured to said base plate, said rigid door frame consisting of a left vertical jamb, a right vertical jamb, and a header coupled between a top of said left and right vertical jambs, said rigid door frame having a front face and a rear face;

one or more hinge brackets secured to one of said left and right vertical jambs on a rear face of said rigid door frame;

one or more holding brackets secured to a second of said left and right vertical jambs on said rear face of said rigid door frame; and

a standard door secured within said rigid door frame by said hinge brackets, said door restricted from rearward opening by said one or more holding brackets.

**2.** The forced door entry training apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said one or more hinge brackets are secured to said vertical jamb by at least one frangible connector.

**3.** The forced door entry training apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said one or more hinge brackets are secured to said door by at least one frangible connector.

**4.** The forced door entry training apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said one or more holding brackets are secured to said vertical jamb by at least one frangible connector.

**5.** The forced door entry training apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said one or more holding brackets are secured to said door by at least one frangible connector.

6. The forced door entry training apparatus of Claim 1 wherein at least one of said one or more holding brackets is aligned substantially with a door lockset location.

7. The forced door entry training apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said door is restricted from rearward opening by said one or more holding brackets having a predetermined holding strength.

8. The forced door entry training apparatus of Claim 7 wherein said predetermined holding strength is selected to approximate a door lockset holding strength.

9. The forced door entry training apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said rigid door frame is secured to said base plate by a plurality of removable bolts; and

wherein said header is coupled between said top of said left and right vertical jambs by a plurality of removable bolts;

wherein said rigid door frame is detachable from said base plate and disassemble into a plurality of discrete components.

10. The forced door entry training apparatus of Claim 1 further including at least one removable attachment component coupling said rigid door frame to a perimeter edge of said standard door.

11. The forced door entry training apparatus of Claim 10 wherein said at least one removable attachment component is a frangible connector.

12. A method for simulating a forced door entry through a standard door secured in a rigid door frame structure by at least one hinge bracket, and restricted

from opening by at least one holding bracket including at least one frangible connector having a predetermined holding strength, comprising:

inserting a door entry tool between said door and said rigid door frame structure from a side opposite said at least one hinge bracket and said at least one holding bracket;

applying a leverage force between said door and said rigid door frame structure, said leverage force sufficient to exceed said predetermined holding strength of said at least one frangible connector;

breaking said at least one frangible connector, thereby releasing said holding member to permit opening of said door.

**13.** The method for simulating a forced door entry of Claim 12 further including the step of selecting a vertical placement location for said at least one holding bracket prior to applying said leverage force, said vertical placement location selected to simulate one or more door locksets.

**14.** The method for simulating a forced door entry of Claim 12 further including the step of selecting said predetermined holding strength for said at least one frangible connector prior to applying said leverage force, said holding strength selected to approximate a holding strength of one or more door locksets.

**15.** The method for simulating a forced door entry of Claim 12 further including the step of resetting said standard door in a closed configuration subsequent to breaking said at least one frangible connector by closing said door within said rigid door frame structure and replacing said frangible connector in said at least one holding bracket.

**16.** The method for simulating a forced door entry of Claim 12 further including the step of resetting said standard door in a closed configuration subsequent to breaking said at least one frangible connector by:

detaching said standard door from said at least one hinge bracket;

altering an orientation of said standard door;

reattaching said standard door in said altered orientation to said at least one hinge bracket; and

closing said door within said rigid door frame structure and replacing said frangible connector in said at least one holding bracket.

**17.** The method for simulating a forced door entry of Claim 12 further including the step of resetting said standard door in a closed configuration subsequent to breaking said at least one frangible connector by:

altering a placement of said at least one holding bracket;

closing said door within said rigid door frame structure; and

replacing said frangible connector in said at least one holding bracket.

**18.** A forced door entry training apparatus including:

a base plate;

a rigid door frame secured to said base plate, said rigid door frame consisting of a left vertical jamb, a right vertical jamb, and a header coupled between a top of said left and right vertical jambs, said rigid door frame having a front face, a rear face, and an inner surface;

first and second hinge brackets secured to one of said left and right vertical jambs on a rear face of said rigid door frame;

first and second holding brackets secured to a second of said left and right vertical jambs on said rear face of said rigid door frame, said first holding bracket secured at a door knob height, said second holding bracket secured at a deadbolt lockset height; and

a standard door secured within said rigid door frame, adjacent said inner surface, by said first and second hinge brackets, said door restricted from rearward opening by said first and second holding brackets, said first holding bracket configured to simulate a holding strength of a conventional door knob, and said second holding bracket configured to simulate a holding strength of a convention deadbolt lockset.

**19.** The forced door entry training apparatus of Claim 18 wherein said first and second holding brackets are configured to simulate said respective holding strengths with one or more replaceable frangible connectors.

**20.** The forced door entry training apparatus of Claim 18 further including at least one replaceable frangible connector operatively coupling a perimeter edge of said standard door to said inner surface of said rigid door frame.